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### RIGHTS OF UNION MEN

Mr. Darrow Tells Strike Commission His Views.

### DISCRIMINATION LIFE OF UNIONS

Miners' Attorney Claims They Have a Right to Prevent Non-Union Men From Working By Moral Suasion.  
D. L. & W's. Wage Statement.

Philadelphia, Jan. 21.—When the anthracite coal strike commission, adjourned yesterday the 40th witness summoned before the arbitrators was being examined. Of the 400, 174 were called by the striking mine workers, 155 by the non-union men, 63 by the operators, and eight by the commission. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company concluded its case, and the Temple Iron Company began the presentation of its side of the controversy. The companies yet to be heard are the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, Markle Brothers and about 60 other independent operators, and the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company. After the coal companies end their case the miners will take up some time in examining witnesses in rebuttal.

Yesterday's testimony did not bring out anything that was particularly new. There was a lively interchange of opinion between Chairman Gray and Attorney C. S. Darrow, for the miners, on the question of the rights of the union men. Mr. Darrow said:

"The right to discriminate and to say that its members will not work with non-union men is the strength of a labor union, and in part represents the strength of the United Mine Workers of America, and I content that the exercise of this right is not incompatible with the greatest good to the greatest number."

"Why, the union has the right to object to working with a red-headed man if it so elects," added Mr. Darrow, addressing his remarks alternately to the commission and to Major Warren, of counsel for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company.

"But has the union the right to prevent a red-headed man from working if he so desires?" interjected Commissioner Wright.

"It has the right to prevent him by moral suasion. Of course, it hasn't the right to kill him, or assault him, or even to assault him with abusive language. The civil courts are open to the slandered man, whether he be a union or a non-union man."

During the examination in chief of Superintendent Williams, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company, he said the steam men do not work very hard at night, and that they get a chance to sleep. On cross-examination he testified that the company does not permit its men to sleep while on duty. The day engineers hoist cars from the bottom of the shaft to the surface, a distance of 500 feet, at the rate of 70 cars a minute. Engineers have 15 minutes for lunch. They work 10 hours a day, and when they are on duty at night they work 14 hours.

A. S. Baker, of Scranton, auditor of the mining department of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, presented to the commission the wages statement showing the wages paid to all of its employees. A summary of the wage statement of the contract miners for 1901 is as follows:

Two hundred and forty-three men earned less than \$100; 99 between \$100 and \$150; 120 between \$150 and \$200; 69 between \$200 and \$250; 90 between \$250 and \$300; 112 between \$300 and \$350; 149 between \$350 and \$400; 163 between \$400 and \$450; 198 between \$450 and \$500; 200 between \$500 and \$550; 229 between \$550 and \$600; 236 between \$600 and \$650; 284 between \$650 and \$700; 226 between \$700 and \$750; 149 between \$750 and \$800; 75 between \$800 and \$850; 50 between \$850 and \$900, and 121 over \$900.

A statement giving the wages of all classified company men, that is men who work by the day or week, was also presented. These men have demanded a 20 per cent. reduction in the hours of labor, with no reduction in pay. The average wages paid these men in 1901 ranged from \$154.80 for slate pickers (boys) to \$931.04 for boiler inspectors.

The Lackawanna Company here rested its case, and the Temple Iron Company began calling its witnesses. The attorneys called five men on behalf of the Temple Company, all of them mine foremen, who testified to conditions in and about the collieries over which they have charge. Much of their testimony was in contradiction of evidence adduced when the mine workers were presenting their side of the controversy to the commission at Scranton.

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